

Incident Report MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPT

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2333 N. 49TH ST
Milwaukee, WI 53210

Reported Date
08/02/2012
Nature of Call
SUDDNDEATH
Officer
FORMOLO, PAUL J

(414) 935-7502

Administrative Information

Agency MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPT	Incident No 122110023	Supplement No 0024	Reported Date 08/02/2012	Reported Time 23:52	CAD Call No 122102501
Status REPORT TO FOLLOW	Nature of Call SUDDEN DEATH	Location 5735 N 94TH ST			
City MILWAUKEE	ZIP Code 53225	Rep Dist 665	District 4	Squad 420	From Date 07/28/2012
Officer 010733/FORMOLO, PAUL J			Assignment METROPOLITAN INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION		
Entered by 010733	Assignment METROPOLITAN INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION			Confidential HOMICIDE	
RMS Transfer Supplement Transfer Complete	Property? None	Approving Officer 019162		Approval Date 08/14/2012	
Approval Time 10:19:50					
CIB USE CRITICAL INCIDENT					

WITNESS (WITH INFORMATION) 1: CONNELL, MICHAEL

Involvement WITNESS (WITH INFORMATION)	Inv No 1	Type POLICE OFFICER
Name CONNELL, MICHAEL	MNI 3229273	Ethnicity NOT OF HISPANIC ORIGIN
Res Status RESIDENT		
RMS Transfer Successful		
Type WORK/BUSINESS	Address 6929 W SILVER SPRING DR	
State WISCONSIN	City MILWAUKEE	
ZIP Code 53218		
Phone Type WORK	Phone No (414) 935-7242	
Employer/School MILWAUKEE POLIC DEPARTMENT	Position/Grade PO	

Modus Operandi

Gang Act? No	Gang Name NONE	Crime Code(s) ALL OTHERS
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Detective Paul FORMOLO #010733 assigned to the Metropolitan Investigations Division Early Shift Homicide Unit submitted this report.

On Saturday, July 28, 2012 at 10:41 p.m. I was dispatched to 5734 N. 94th St. regarding a sick and/or injured person in the custody of the Milwaukee Police Department. I arrived on scene at approximately 11:11 p.m., and was advised by Lieutenant Jeffrey NORMAN to interview a principal officer involved in this incident.

While at the scene I was assigned to conduct a preliminary interview with **Police Officer Michael CONNELL**. The interview occurred in my assigned unmarked City of Milwaukee Police squad, which was parked in the 5700 block of N. 94th St. Police Officer CONNELL was seated in the front seat of my squad.

I conducted a visual inspection of Police Officer CONNELL'S person, uniform, and equipment. I did not observe any visible injury to Police Officer CONNELL, nor did I observe any rips or tears to his equipment or uniform. I noted that Police Officer CONNELL was dressed in his issued City of Milwaukee blue police uniform, and that he was wearing his leather utility belt. Police Officer CONNELL was wearing an outer cloth carrier over his injured shirt that contained his ballistic vest. The standard City of Milwaukee Police Department badge was embroidered on the left upper chest area of the ballistic vest's carrier in white stitching, and his name was sewn on the right

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upper chest area. Police Officer CONNELL was equipped with his issued Smith & Wesson .40cal semi-auto pistol, oleo capsicum resin canister, expandable baton, and one spare magazine. Police Officer CONNELL stated he recently lost one of his magazines, and that this loss was reported to his chain of command.

CONNELL stated he was driving marked police squad #200 during his tour of duty. CONNELL stated the squad's recording system was not activated during this incident.

CONNELL stated he had not consumed any alcohol or taken any medication in the past 24 hours that would impair his ability to perform the duties of a Police Officer.

CONNELL stated his date of appointment to the Milwaukee Police Department was on 12-03-2007. CONNELL stated his PeopleSoft number is #018625, and his badge number is #2879. CONNELL stated he is currently assigned to District 4 Powershift, and his normal duty hours are from 8:00 p.m. to 4:00 a.m.. CONNELL stated his current off group is 12-08. CONNELL stated for his tour of duty on 07-28-2012 he was assigned to Squad 4440 with no partner. CONNELL stated he has not received any formal training for crisis intervention.

CONNELL stated on 07-28-2012 at approximately 10:07 p.m. he was dispatched as a secondary unit to 5734 N. 94th St. regarding an M.O. Connell stated the primary squad dispatched was squad 4430, Police Officer James JORDAN. CONNELL recalled that the dispatcher mentioned that there was a report of a subject throwing things and the subject was a danger to himself and others. CONNELL stated he has no previous experience or contact with the address 5734 N. 94th St.

CONNELL later learned the subject's name was John A. KRIEWALDT (M/W 11-11-1981). Police Officer CONNELL stated he never had an opportunity to obtain the names of any of the employees from the group home. CONNELL stated he has never had any prior contact with KRIEWALDT or the group home.

CONNELL stated Police Officer JORDAN arrived first, and he arrived shortly after JORDAN. CONNELL stated he parked his marked police squad on the east side of N. 94th St. slightly south of 5734 N. 94th St. CONNELL observed JORDAN'S marked squad parked on the west side of N. 94th St. directly across the street from 5734 N. 94th St.

CONNELL stated he and JORDAN approached the front door for 5734 N. 94th St. together. CONNELL stated four people whom he now knows are employees for the group home, 5734 N. 94th St., met them at the front door. CONNELL stated as soon as they entered the front door one of the employees briefed him and JORDAN regarding a troubled resident, KRIEWALDT.

CONNELL recalled that the group home worker told him that the subject's name was "John". CONNELL was further advised that John was acting out violently, hitting people, and vomiting excessively. The group home worker requested that John go to a hospital for a medical evaluation, and then receive treatment at the Milwaukee County Mental Health Complex (MCMHC).

CONNELL stated while he listened to the group home worker he observed KRIEWALDT standing in the first-floor common hallway. CONNELL stated KRIEWALDT was a white male, 6'0", 150 to 180 pounds, wearing a blue shirt and jean shorts that could have been capris. CONNELL stated KRIEWALDT was just standing in the hallway, and did not do anything out of the ordinary at this point.

CONNELL stated after he and JORDAN were briefed on the situation, JORDAN asked the subject what was wrong. CONNELL recalled that KRIEWALDT demanded that he be taken home. CONNELL stated it was difficult to understand KRIEWALDT, and CONNELL recalled that one of the group home workers mentioned that KRIEWALDT was "non-verbal".

CONNELL stated when KRIEWALDT reached the location where he and Police Officer JORDAN were standing, which was approximately 1 foot inside of the front door, KRIEWALDT hit JORDAN on the forehead with the palm of his left hand. CONNELL stated the hit was more like a slap, which made a noise consistent with a slap. CONNELL stated KRIEWALDT raised his left hand and came swung down onto Police Officer JORDAN'S forehead.

CONNELL stated immediately after the slap he and JORDAN gained control of KRIEWALDT by grabbing and

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securing an arm. CONNELL recalled that he grabbed the left arm and JORDAN secured the right arm. CONNELL stated he is not exactly sure what JORDAN did, but JORDAN managed to turn KRIEWALDT towards the wall, so that KRIEWALDT was facing away from them. CONNELL stated neither he, nor Police Officer JORDAN utilized the wall to conduct a vertical stun. CONNELL stated the wall was only used as leverage to keep the subject upright and stable.

CONNELL stated KRIEWALDT resisted when he refused to place his hands behind his back. CONNELL stated the subject attempted to pull his arm away, which made placing handcuffs on KRIEWALDT difficult. CONNELL stated he and JORDAN eventually overpowered KRIEWALDT, and were able to get KRIEWALDT'S hands far enough behind the back to allow JORDAN to put on the handcuffs.

CONNELL stated the only force used immediately after KRIEWALDT slapped JORDAN was when he and JORDAN took control of KRIEWALDT'S arms, turned KRIEWALDT towards the wall and leaned him up against the wall, and when he and Police Officer JORDAN used the necessary amount of force to pull KRIEWALDT'S arms and hands behind his back so that KRIEWALDT could be handcuffed.

CONNELL stated after the subject was handcuffed he and JORDAN escorted KRIEWALDT out of the residence. CONNELL stated the subject was not resisting, and was walking without any assistance. CONNELL stated the subject was placed in the prisoner transport compartment of JORDAN'S squad. CONNELL stated the subject was placed in the squad without incident. CONNELL stated the subject was not saying anything that was coherent, only loud grunting noises.

CONNELL stated after KRIEWALDT was secured in the back of the squad he and JORDAN attempted to conduct an interview with one of the group home workers. CONNELL stated this interview occurred adjacent to the squad KRIEWALDT was secured in. CONNELL stated within seconds he heard loud banging noises from inside of the squad, and observed that KRIEWALDT banged his head at least two times against the divider inside the squad. CONNELL specifically observed that KRIEWALDT'S head was striking the vertical black metal bar that is part of the frame for the sliding plastic window, which is centered within the divider.

CONNELL stated he walked to the passenger side of the squad, and opened the right rear passenger door. CONNELL stated it was his original intent to just open the door and allow KRIEWALDT to sit with his legs out of the squad with the door open. CONNELL stated he at first assumed KRIEWALDT just did not want to be enclosed in the squad.

CONNELL stated he observed that KRIEWALDT was bleeding from a laceration to the middle of the forehead. CONNELL stated he felt it was necessary to remove KRIEWALDT from the back of the squad to prevent the subject from causing further injury to himself. CONNELL stated he gained control of KRIEWALDT by grabbing hold of KRIEWALDT from underneath both armpits. CONNELL stated he pulled KRIEWALDT out of the squad and laid him on the curb grass. CONNELL stated KRIEWALDT did not resist being removed from the squad, but after being laid on the grass KRIEWALDT started thrashing his body, arching his back, and wildly kicking his legs. CONNELL stated KRIEWALDT was kicking hard enough that if he kicked an individual there was potential for an injury to occur.

CONNELL stated he attempted to keep KRIEWALDT on his side, specifically the right side. CONNELL stated he positioned himself behind KRIEWALDT'S back, and he placed one hand on KRIEWALDT'S left upper shoulder area and the other hand on the KRIEWALDT'S left hip area. CONNELL stated he applied downward pressure on both of these areas with his hands in an attempt to minimize the thrashing and kicking. CONNELL stated he repeatedly asked KRIEWALDT to relax and to calm down. CONNELL stated JORDAN was attempting to control KRIEWALDT'S feet and legs.

CONNELL stated during the struggle he noted that JORDAN requested a conveyance wagon for a combative subject and an ambulance for medical attention.

CONNELL stated KRIEWALDT was not making any coherent statements, just a lot of grunting noises. CONNELL stated shortly after KRIEWALDT became combative while lying on the grass, KRIEWALDT started to vomit. CONNELL noted that the vomit was clear and watery. CONNELL stated he did not observe any blood in the vomit, nor was it projectile vomit. CONNELL stated KRIEWALDT vomited over five times. CONNELL stated continued to

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keep KRIEWALDT on his right side for fear of him choking on his vomit. CONNELL stated when KRIEWALDT started to vomit he was no longer combative. CONNELL stated KRIEWALDT was combative for several minutes before the vomiting started.

CONNELL stated a Paratech ambulance arrived on scene, just as a District 7 conveyance wagon (Police Officer Blake KASBERGER) arrived. CONNELL stated he requested for KASBERGER to remain with KRIEWALDT while he briefed the ambulance personnel. CONNELL stated he briefed the EMT's on KRIEWALDT'S condition. CONNELL stated he witnessed the EMT's assess KRIEWALDT and place a blood pressure cuff on KRIEWALDT'S arm. CONNELL stated he then heard Police Officer KASBERGER tell the EMT's that KRIEWALDT'S lips were blue. Shortly after this comment was made, he heard one of the EMT's state KRIEWALDT was unresponsive. CONNELL stated an EMT requested a MED Unit, and the EMT's started CPR and used an AED. CONNELL stated he heard the electronic voice of the AED state, "shock is not advised". CONNELL stated an EMT requested if the handcuffs could be removed. CONNELL stated he removed the handcuffs from KRIEWALDT. CONNELL stated he had no further contact with KRIEWALDT.

CONNELL stated he noted that JORDAN also requested a supervisor to respond. CONNELL stated after additional squads arrived he assisted with securing the scene by putting up yellow crime scene ribbon. CONNELL stated after medical personnel arrived on scene he had no further physical contact with KRIEWALDT.

CONNELL stated after the scene was secured he reported to his supervisor, Sergeant Willie LEE.

While at the scene I conveyed Police Officer CONNELL to the rear of 5730 N. 94th St. for the purpose of obtaining photographs of Police Officer CONNELL out of public view. Forensic Investigator Alan WINTER took two photographs to depict Police Officer CONNELL'S attire. The front and back sides of Police Officer CONNELL were photographed.

I conveyed Police Officer CONNELL to the Police Administration Building (PAB), 749 W. State St., as directed by Lieutenant NORMAN. Upon arriving at the PAB Lieutenant NORMAN command directed Police Officer CONNELL to 9200 W. Wisconsin Ave., Dyna Care Labs, to provide a urine specimen per department policy. I conveyed Police Officer CONNELL to Dyna Care Labs, where he did provide a urine sample as ordered.

A formal interview was conducted with Police Officer CONNELL on Tuesday, July 24th, 2012 at 3:15 p.m. The interview was conducted in the conference room on the third floor of the Police Administration Building. The following individuals were present for the interview; Lieutenant Keith BALASH, Deputy Assistant District Attorney Jeffrey ALTENBURG, Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office Investigator Bob STELTER, and Milwaukee Police Association Attorney John CERMELE.

Police Officer CONNELL provided a statement that was consistent with the statement he provided during the preliminary interview. The interview concluded at 3:34 p.m.

Report by: Detective Paul FORMOLO #010733 (95)